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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 510

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend James M. Vaughan upon being named Vice President for the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who, through their professional efforts, have distinguished themselves as Tennesseans of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is James M. Vaughan, who on January 28, 2000, in Washington, D.C., was named the Vice President for the Stewardship of Historic Sites for the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, non-profit membership organization dedicated to protecting our irreplaceable national treasures; a quarter million members nationwide support the Trust, which provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and to revitalize communities; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years as Executive Director of the Hermitage, the historic home of President Andrew Jackson, James M. Vaughan oversaw the complete restoration of the mansion's interior, the successful completion of the restoration's capital campaign, the

initiation of a marketing and development program for the Hermitage, and directed an emergency recovery program after the devastation to the grounds and surrounding historic structures wrought by the tornado that hit Davidson County in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan manifested an interest in history from an early age, and received a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from Ohio State University. He is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Early American History from the University of New Hampshire, with subfields in American Architecture, Modern America, Tudor-Stuart England and Early Modern Europe; and

WHEREAS, James Vaughan served, with acumen, as Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Regional Campuses at Ohio State University from 1969-73; he served as Historian/Architectural Historian and the Executive Director at Strawberry Banke, Inc., in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 1978-84; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan moved to Wilmington, Delaware in 1984, where he served as Deputy Director for Museum Administration at the Hagley Museum and Library until 1988. He then served as Executive Director of the San Diego Historical Society from 1988-1994, when he moved to the Executive Directorship of the Hermitage; and

WHEREAS, James Vaughan is highly respected among his peers and has served in several offices as a member of the American Association for State and Local History; he was the recipient of the First Superior Voluntary Service Award as an A&M Peer Reviewer for the American Association of Museums, has served on the National Program Committee and the Museum Professional Training Committee for that fine organization, as well as serving as a Museum Assessment Program Surveyor and an Accreditation Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan is also a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Tennessee Association of Museums, the National Council on Public History and the InterMuseum Council of Nashville. His expertise has been utilized at numerous,

important professional conferences and seminars and he has authored and presented scores of significant papers in his profession; and

WHEREAS, James Vaughan has served as a consultant on planning, interpretation and management for numerous museums across the country, and as a grants reviewer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities, all of which uniquely qualify him for his new responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan's spirit and commitment to the preservation and presentation of the important remnants of our history is greatly appreciated by the members of the General Assembly and by all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is most grateful for James Vaughan's work at the Hermitage and is proud of his selection by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a very important role; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Vaughan for his dedication to the preservation of our historic past; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend James M. Vaughan upon being named Vice President for the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, express our gratitude to him for his outstanding tenure as Executive Director of the Hermitage, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.